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Castillo de San Marcos National Monument (Current Info.)
(Spanish Castle San Marco)
(Fort Marion)

1 Castillo Drive
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Addendum to
Fort Marion (Originally recorded as)
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National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

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STATE FLORIDA	COUNTY ST. JOHNS	TOWN OR VICINITY ST. AUGUSTINE
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HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Castillo de San Marcos National Monument	HABS NO. FL-17
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SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE
Spanish Castle San Marco and Fort Marion

COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)
1 Castillo Drive

DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1671-1756	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)
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SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)
The star fort and its moat and outworks were built to protect Spanish territory in Florida from attacks by the English. Castillo San Marco is the oldest masonry fort in the continental U.S. It was the site of a British Garrison in the Revolutionary War, was acquired by the U.S. in 1819 and used as a military prison. The fort last saw action in the Spanish American War in 1898.
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)
Baroque Star Fort

MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS)
Quarried coquina block from Anastasia Island

AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE)
See photograph FL-17-28 and FL-17-29

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE
Triangular ravelin; four diamond shaped bastions; 40' wide moat; palm log revetment; watchtower on the northeast bastion.

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MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES

PRESENT CONDITION AND USE
Historic site, national park

OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE

SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.)
Harrington, J.C. and Albert Manucy and John Goggin. Archeological Excavations in the Courtyard of the Castillo de San Marcos. St. Augustine Historical Society, 1956
Manucy, Albert. Castillo de San Marcos, U.S. Government Printing Office, 1942.
National Register of Historic Places, 1976 (See also National Park Service Structure Report)

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